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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Ralph A. Allaire, 42 017 494, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Weyersheim, France, when his platoon was being held up by enemy sniper and machine pistol fire, Private Allaire covered the movement of his platoon across an open area by firing his BAR continuously until the platoon was safely across, after which he himself crossed the area without benefit of covering fire. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Anthony Bennice, 32 493 451, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 23 January 1945, when a member of his patrol was overcome by the cold and lost consciousness, sinking beneath the surface of the icy water while wading in the Moder River in returning to our lines, Sergeant Bennice rescued the unconscious soldier and, wading the entire distance in the river bed in the face of intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, carried him a distance of 200 yards to our lines, saving the soldier's life. Entered military service from Gloversville, New York.

STEPHEN M. BRZICA, O 382 826, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 9 January 1945, at Hatton, France, when his battalion was cut off and was being over-run by enemy tanks and infantry, Captain Brzica worked his way through town under intense enemy fire, seized a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton vehicle, and drove to the regimental command post with important information and request for assistance. Returning to his battalion command post, he again proceeded through enemy fire the following day, maintaining contact between his battalion and regimental headquarters and obtaining vital assistance for his isolated battalion. Entered military service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Raymond H. Campbell, 35 242 563, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Ulswiler, Alsace, upon observing that his section sergeant, squad leader, and machine gunner were all wounded and that the machine gun was left unmanned, Private Campbell ran to the machine gun through enemy fire and opened fire so effectively on an enemy machine gun emplacement that the enemy gun was silenced. Entered military service from Carbon, Indiana.

George T. Ciganko, 35 914 063, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 12 January 1945, near Rittershoffen, France, when an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire threatened a load of ammunition of his $\frac{3}{4}$ ton

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truck, Private Ciganko drove his vehicle under severe artillery and small arms fire to a defiladed position. Dismounting from his truck, he moved to a point of vantage from where he observed ten enemy tanks guided by two enemy aircraft approaching a group of our vehicles. Uncoupling the 57mm gun which was attached to his truck, he drove to the nearest friendly artillery OP in the face of enemy fire, established the coordinates of the enemy tanks for the forward observer, and enabled him to adjust artillery fire which destroyed seven tanks and routed the remainder. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Frank A. Coyle, 34 734 786, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 9 January 1945, at Hunsbach, France, Sergeant Coyle was a member of a demolition team attached to a patrol with the mission of destroying a bridge at the Hunsbach railroad station. Discovering that the bridge had already been destroyed, the team placed the explosives in the railroad station resulting in the death of four Germans, the seriously wounding of a fifth, and the capture the following day of one enemy soldier. Entered military service from Jackson, Tennessee.

✓ Glenn Domino, 57 567 620, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 243d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, near Koenigsbruck, France, when the combat patrol of which he was the leader was pinned down by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Domino maneuvered to a position behind a tree and directed three members of the patrol into positions from which they were able to return fire, drawing enemy fire, and permitting the remainder of the patrol to withdraw and reorganize. Entered military service from Austin, Minnesota.

George J. Gahn, 37 701 949, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 26 January 1945, Private Gahn was a member of a patrol whose mission was to silence an enemy machine gun and mortar. The patrol encountered a group of enemy soldiers who opened fire with small arms, mortars, and machine guns. Private Gahn instantly killed one of the enemy and continued to deliver effective fire with his BAR until the enemy machine gun and mortar positions were neutralized and nine of the enemy killed. Entered military service from Trinidad, Colorado.

Alva A. Gillespie, 35 200 633, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. During an attack across an open field totally devoid of any cover, on 5 January 1945, at Kilstett, France, while serving as medical aid man, Private Gillespie administered first aid to the wounded in the face of an enemy artillery and machine gun barrage. Traveling across the field many times to reach the men requiring repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to reach the men requiring immediate treatment. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

Royce D. Hammack, 38 038 024, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 9 January 1945, at Hunsbach, France, Private Hammack was a member of a demolition team attached to a patrol with the mission of destroying a bridge at the

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Hunspach railroad station. Discovering that the bridge had already been destroyed, the team placed the explosives in the railroad station resulting in the death of four Germans, the seriously wounding of a fifth, and the capture the following day of one enemy soldier. Entered military service from Kaufman, Texas.

Edward L. Kaiser, 36 765 267, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 10 January 1945, at Hatton, France, when his company was cut off from the battalion, Sergeant Kaiser voluntarily took a quarter ton vehicle and with the driver drove through a heavy artillery barrage to establish contact with the rear and bring supplies and other aid to the company, enabling it to hold its position against a superior enemy force. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Irving Levine, 32 991 836, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Kilstott, France, Private Levine administered first aid and directed the evacuation of the wounded to safety in the face of heavy enemy fire, as a result of which the lives of many wounded soldiers were saved. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Eldon Lunsford, 35 226 572, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gambshoin, France, when surrounded while laying wire with the crew of which he was wire chief, Sergeant Lunsford eluded the enemy and returned to his own lines under intense enemy fire. Upon learning that he was the only member of the crew that had returned, he continued to lay wire and service lines without assistance, as a result of which the wire communications of the battalion were maintained. Entered military service from Sydney, Ohio.

Stovo Markovitch, Jr., 35 932 717, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 10 January 1945, at Hatton, France, when his company was cut off from the battalion and was badly in need of supplies, Private Markovitch made several trips in his quarter ton vehicle to the battalion headquarters through heavy enemy artillery fire in order to bring supplies to the company, enabling it to hold its position against a superior enemy force. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

John Masonis, 11 044 954, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gambshoin, France, when his platoon was hit by a heavy volume of machine gun fire from the flank, pinning down several of the men of the platoon and preventing them from taking cover of a wall behind which he was lying at the time, Private Masonis moved out from the protection of the wall and fired his BAR on the enemy position so as to permit the exposed men to move back behind the wall. After obtaining first aid for a wound which he received while so doing and disregarding the advice to return to the rear for treatment, he again moved out in the face of enemy fire and rendered first aid to his platoon leader, then returned to his platoon to accompany it on its mission. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

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✓ Harold Morgan, 35 147 126, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, at Kaltonhouse, France, when his rifle ceased to function while he was firing at the advancing enemy, Private Morgan crawled under heavy machine gun and mortar fire to the body of a dead soldier from which he procured a rifle which he fired until the enemy was within 50 yards, aiding in the capture of 45 Germans who were attempting to surround Kaltonhouse. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

WILLIAM G. MUELLER, O-459848, Captain, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Uhlwiler, France, although pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Captain Mueller directed mortar fire by voice, thereby exposing his position to the enemy. The following day despite a severe hand wound, Captain Mueller led his company in an attack through a wooded sector, refusing medical aid until his mission was accomplished. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

✓ Earle R. Stratton, Jr., 31 185 291, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 11 January 1945, at Hatton, France, Technician Stratton voluntarily drove his 2½ ton truck loaded with ammunition and explosives in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire to his battalion and, after delivering his cargo, again drove under fire to the battalion aid station from which he evacuated a number of wounded men to the regimental aid station. Entered military service from Westford, Massachusetts.

Robert L. Totton, 38 530 619, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Uhlwiler, France, Private Totton was wounded while serving as a machine gunner. In spite of his wounds, he remained with his gun and continued to deliver effective fire upon the enemy, aiding materially in the liquidation of the enemy position. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

Edwin L. Webb, 39 334 271, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 9 January 1945, at Hunsbach, France, Private Webb was a member of a demolition team attached to a patrol with the mission of destroying a bridge at the Hunsbach railroad station. Discovering that the bridge had already been destroyed, the team placed the explosives in the railroad station resulting in the death of four Germans, the seriously wounding of a fifth, and the capture the following day of one enemy soldier. Entered military service from Eugene, Oregon.

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